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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

CS The present invention is directed to a method of inducing systemic tolerance to an antigen in an individual by administering antigen presenting cells which express Fas ligand and the antigen to the individual and further delivering to the antigen presenting cells a gene to inhibit cytotoxic T lymphocyte-mediated apoptosis. Also provided are methods of decreasing rejection of a graft and of creating immune-privileged sites in an individual by administering Fas ligand or Fas ligand expressing antigen presenting cells to the individual.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (amended) A method of inducing systemic tolerance to an antigen in an individual in need of such treatment, comprising the step of:

administering antigen presenting cells to said individual, wherein said cells express Fas ligand and said antigen, wherein said antigen presenting cells induce apoptosis of Fas-positive T-cells directed towards said antigen resulting in said induction of systemic tolerance to said antigen.